

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 202

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Jeff Sardella, Tennessee's 2015  
Aircraft Maintenance Technician of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize and commend those Tennesseans who have mastered their trades and skills, earning respect and commendation from their peers in their industries; and

WHEREAS, one such Tennessean is Jeff Sardella, who was awarded the title of Tennessee's 2015 Aircraft Maintenance Technician of the Year at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennessee Mid-South Aviation Maintenance Conference in Nashville on March 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Aircraft Maintenance Technician of the Year is an official award of the State of Tennessee and is presented by the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sardella is the director of aircraft maintenance at the Tennessee Museum of Aviation in Sevierville, where he maintains, repairs, inspects, and flies museum aircraft, and he does an outstanding job of fulfilling the responsibilities of the museum's aircraft historian; and

WHEREAS, he earned his private pilot's license in April 1978, obtained his commercial pilot certification in July of the same year, and garnered other distinguished aviation certifications and ratings in subsequent years, which enabled him to master the maintenance and flight of aircraft of increasing complexity, and, in March 2001, Mr. Sardella received aircraft inspection authorization; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as the director of aircraft maintenance, Jeff Sardella has also been employed as a pilot, mechanic, and inspector by airports in the Knoxville area

and by private aviation corporations, including DKI Aviation, Catalina Air, Cambell Aero, and Piedmont-Hawthorne Aviation Services; and

WHEREAS, somewhat unique to Mr. Sardella's trove of knowledge of aircraft and aeronautics is his distinct expertise with and mastery of radial aircraft engines, commonly called round engines, which are piston-fired engines found on most World War II-era aircraft and on commercial airline aircraft common before the advent of the jet engine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sardella has distinguished himself professionally, earning premier recognition within the aeronautics community of Tennessee's transportation industry, and it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should applaud his accomplishment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Jeff Sardella, recipient of Tennessee's 2015 Aircraft Maintenance Technician of the Year Award, and extend to him our best wishes for success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.